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Seventh Annual Report

OF THE

SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS

Founded July 15th, 1911.

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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

REPORT of the COUNCIL of the Society of Women Musicians for the year 1918-19.

The COUNCIL of the Society of Women Musicians has much pleasure in submitting the Seventh Annual Report of the Society's work. In spite of the increasing difficulties of carrying on during the fourth year of the Great War, the activities of the Society have increased, and the membership also, thereby justifying its existence. To mention the new developments first :

1. A free library of British Chamber Music has been entrusted to the keeping of the Society of Women Musicians by the founder, Mr. W. W. Cobbett, whose life-long work in the interests of British Composers of Chamber Music, is famous throughout the musical world. The library has been catalogued by the Society, and is now open to all members as well as to the musical public.
2. A Junior Section of the Society of Women Musicians has been formed, which the Council hope to develop during the coming year.
3. A list of lecturers in the Society has been drawn up, and has been sent out to Schools, Colleges and Educational Societies, with the view of carrying the ideals of the Society of Women Musicians all over the British Isles, and incidentally of bringing in work to members.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 14th, 1917, when business had to be held up for some time in order to get a quorum.

Concerts and Lectures.

For the first Autumn programme, Mr. Orton Bradley, M.A., gave an account of music at the Front, playing the items that were the most popular.

On **November 17th** Miss Emily Daymond, D.Mus., arranged a programme of English music (old and new) at Leighton House. She was assisted by :—

Miss Evelyn Hunter.
Miss Susan Spain-Dunk.
Miss Margaret Savory.
Miss Dorothy Thuell (guest).
Miss Kathleen Markwell (guest).

On **December 15th** Miss Kathleen Schlesinger (F.Inst. A. Univ. Liv.), assisted by Miss Elsie Hamilton, explained Natural Intonation (ancient and modern), with musical illustrations.

On **January 19th** Miss Emily Daymond, D.Mus., gave a talk on the music of the Troubadours, with vocal illustrations by Miss Vivian Worth.

On **Saturday, February 16th,** Mrs. Curwen gave a lecture on "Psychology and Music Teaching."

On **March 16th** Miss Ruby Holland arranged a programme partly of members' works, assisted by :—

Miss Ella Child (guest).
Mr. T. H. Etcheverria (guest).
Miss Marjorie Walker.
Miss Ethel Zillhart.

At the end of the Concert Mr. Wolstenholme gave a delightful improvisation on "Cherry Ripe" and "All through the Night."

On **April 24th** the Society gave a public invitation Concert in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Musicians' Gift to the Forces, as a tribute from Women Musicians. The programme on this occasion was made up entirely of works by composers on Active Service or fallen in the War. The artistes who kindly gave their services were :—

Madame Amina Goodwin.
Miss Olga Haley.
Madame Lily Henkel.
Miss Grainger Kerr.
Mr. William Ackroyd.
Mr. Charles Draper.
Mr. Frederick Taylor.
Mr. W. E. Whitehouse.

The Choristers of the Temple Church, and
Mr. Harold Darke (Conductor).
Mrs. Edward Haley and Miss Mabel Rutland
at the piano.

The composers represented were :—

Arthur L. Benjamin.
Arthur E. D. Bliss.
W. Denis Browne.
George S. K. Butterworth.
Ernest Farrar.
Ivor Gurney.
William H. Harris.
F. S. Kelly.
Willie B. Manson.
Colin Taylor.
F. Purcell Warren.
R. Vaughan Williams.

The amount collected was £118 0*s.* 6*d.*, and the Council handed over £82 6*s.* 2*d.* to the Y.M.C.A. after paying expenses.

On May 18th Miss Dorothea Walenn arranged a programme, assisted by :—

Miss Dorothea Crompton (guest).
Miss Jessie Munro (guest).
Miss May Walker (guest).

On June 15th Madame Elsie Horne arranged a programme of British Chamber Music, assisted by :—

Miss Rhoda Backhouse.
Madame Lily Henkel.
Miss Alice Holder.
Miss Grainger Kerr.

On July 6th a Composers' Conference took place, when Mr. Geoffrey Shaw (guest) read a paper on "Characteristics of British Music," with illustrations. The chair was taken by Miss Lucie Johnstone (Lewis Carey). Miss Katharine Eggar opened the discussion, followed by Mr. Dunhill, Dr. Cyril Rootham, and others. This was preceded by an extraordinary general meeting of members to discuss the formation of a Junior Section of the Society. Miss

Kathleen Schlesinger outlined the scheme, and after discussion a resolution in favour of it was passed with enthusiasm.

On **Saturday, October 19th,** Madame Agnes Larkcom, F.R.A.M., gave a lecture-recital on "The Teaching of Singing," and Miss Dorothy Wallace Greene (guest) illustrated with a varied programme of British songs.

Saturday, November 16th, was an "At Home" to meet the President, Miss Marie Brema, who, besides giving a magnificent rendering of Emile Cammaerts's "Carillon," to Elgar's music (played by Miss Daisy Bucktrout), read two short poems by the same author, and had arranged a short programme of music by two of her pupils, which was much appreciated.

Obituary.—The Society has suffered a great loss this year in the death of the first President, Madame Liza Lehmann. The Council feel they owed much to her unfailing help and interest during the first year of its existence. A vote of deep sympathy was passed at a meeting of the Council, and sent to her husband, Lieutenant Herbert Bedford, with the suggestion that members would like to give a Concert of Mme. Lehmann's works in the near future.

The Professional and Business Women's Conference.

Miss Marion Scott and the Honorary Secretary represented the Society of Women Musicians at the Conference in **June.** Miss Gertrude Eaton spoke on the need for women on public bodies. It was felt it would be an advantage to meet and discuss from time to time the laws concerning women, and the Council of the Society of Women Musicians decided to be affiliated to the Professional Women's Council.

S.W.M. Lending Library.—The Society subscribes to Messrs. Chester's Library. Members wishing to borrow from this or from the Society's own Library, should write to the Hon. Librarian, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 1, who will also welcome gifts of music or standard books on music. Sixpence in stamps must accompany each request for music.

Cobbett Free Lending Library of British Chamber Music.—All applications and correspondence should be sent to

Miss Rhoda Backhouse, Hon. Librarian, who attends on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 o'clock at 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 1, except during the holidays.

Singers' Section.—Lectures have been given during the year to the Singers' Section by Mrs. Mary Davies, Mus.Doc., Miss Gertrude Eaton, Miss Lucie Johnstone, and Madame Agnes Larkcom, F.R.A.M. The Committee hope shortly to prepare an Examination Paper for Members of the Class.

Composers' Competition.—As the result of a competition for Composers held in July, the following awards were made :—

Class A. Pieces for Pianoforte

First Prize - Miss Olive Turner.
Second Prize - Miss Dora White.

Class B. Pieces for Pianoforte and one Stringed Instrument.

First Prize - Mrs. Agnes Lambert.
Second Prize - Mrs. M. E. Marshall.

The Prize Compositions will be performed in February, 1919, and a performance of the other MSS. sent in will be given.

The Adjudicators who kindly gave their services were Messrs. Frank Bridge, J. B. McEwen and Felix Swinstead.

"The Music Student."—A special number of *The Music Student*, devoted to women's work in music, came out in May. This was prepared under Miss Eggar's able management, in collaboration with the Editor, and the items were nearly all contributed by members of the Society of Women Musicians.

Musicians' Bed.—A donation of £10 has been collected and sent from the Society, for the Musicians' Bed in memory of Dr. Garrett Anderson, to the Women's Hospital, Euston Road.

Girl Guides' Examination.—The third Examination of the Girl Guides took place on **Saturday, December 1st, 1918.** The Examiners were :—

For Piano—Miss Emily Daymond, Mus.D.
„ Katharine Eggar.
„ Elizabeth Foskett.
„ Eleanor Shaw.
For Singing—Miss Gertrude Eaton.
Madame Clare Wright.
Accompanist—Miss Hilda Moon.

Miss Carre-Smith took charge of the general arrangements. The total number of entries was 39. Passes, 15.

Lower Certificate for Piano—Entries, 8 ; Passes, 2.

Lower Certificate for Singing—Entries, 10 ; Passes, 3 (1 with commendation).

Higher Certificate for Piano—Entries, 19 ; Passes, 8 (1 with commendation).

Higher Certificate for Singing—Entries, 1 ; Passes, 0.

Four of the entries were absent, including one for the Violin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—At the Annual General Meeting, on December 4th, 1918, the Hon. Treasurer made a statement *re* Subscriptions, that it would be impossible to carry on the work successfully on the present subscription, 5/- being the sum per head after deducting the amount due to the Institute. Not only had printing, postage, and stationery increased in price during the War, but the work of the Society had developed so much that it was necessary to have paid help, and the Council had authorised that a Secretary be procured. This was impossible without increasing subscriptions, and the following resolution was put to the meeting, and carried :—

> "That, in view of the increased cost of printing, stationery, postage, &c., Subscriptions for Members joining the S.W.M. after December 31st, 1918, shall be as follows, viz :—
> £1 1s. 0d. for Professional Women.
> £1 11s. 0d. for non-Professional Women.
> That Members who joined previous to this date shall be *invited*, but not required, to pay the increased subscription."

Votes of Thanks.—The Council desire to record a very hearty vote of thanks to the following members :—Miss Hilda Moon, Librarian ; to Miss Daymond, D.Mus., Miss Carre-Smith and Miss Eleanor Shaw, in connection with the Girl Guides' Examination ;

to Madame Lily Henkel and Miss Marion Scott, in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Concert; and to all who have so generously given their services for the lectures and concerts. They desire also to express their warmest thanks to Miss McCroben, the Staff and Pupils of the Women's Institute, for their unfailing courtesy, both in clerical work and in arrangments for the meetings.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES:

Composers:

Miss Emily Daymond, D.Mus.
Miss Marion Scott.
Mr. Thomas Dunhill.
Hon. Sec.: Miss Katharine Eggar.

Singing Teachers:

Mrs. Mary Davies, D.Mus.
Miss Gertrude Eaton.
Miss Evangeline Florence.
Madame Agnes Larkcom, F.R.A.M.
Hon. Sec.: Miss Lucie Johnstone.

Junior Section.

Miss Katharine Eggar.
Miss Gertrude Eaton.
Miss Nellie Holland.
Miss Edith Reed.
Miss Kathleen Schlesinger, F.A.Inst.Liv.
Hon. Sec.: Miss M. E. Barwick.

For Girl Guides' Examination:

Miss Emily Daymond, D.Mus.
Miss Gertrude Eaton.
Miss Marion Scott.
Miss Pattie Upton.
Hon. Secs. { Miss E. Carre-Smith. Miss Eleanor Shaw.

Cobbett Free Lending Library of British Chamber Music:

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Miss Marion Scott, *Hon. Secretary.*

SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS.

Dr. *RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ending June 30th,* 1918. *Cr.*

		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1917 ...		25	17	1
,, Members' Subscriptions		42	10	0
,, Associates' Subscriptions		2	15	0
,, Reserve Account		7	1	6
,, Proceeds of Concert ...	118 0 6			
,, *Less* Expenses ...	35 14 4			
		82	6	2
	£160	9	9	

	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery	20	18	1
,, Postages	8	13	1
,, Teas		15	1
,, Bank Charges		14	8
,, Audit Fee	1	7	6
,, Clerical Assistance	2	17	4
,, Sundry Expenses	4	6	10
,, Subscription to Chester Library... ...	2	2	0
,, Donation to Y.M.C.A. (Proceeds of Concert)	82	6	2
	124	0	9
,, Balance, Cash in hand June 30th, 1918	36	9	0
	£160	9	9

Examined with the Books and Vouchers, and found correct,

4th October, 1918.

(Signed) C. T. GIBSON, *Auditor.*

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